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## With A Feather!

*Allen Dulles was maybe not quite as surprised as the next fellow when critical events moved quickly in Iraq. But almost.*

According to a dispatch from New Pearson the Central Intelligence Agency came in for some heavy criticism when President Eisenhower met the other day with leaders of Congress to make the latest agonizing reappraisal in recent diplomatic history. It was pointed out by some of the conferees on the suddenly deteriorated situation in Iraq that it is a friendly nation where we should have had some foreknowledge of the revolt that was brewing. Where were our cloak and dagger boys? Allen Dulles, CIA chief, was present and took the criticism without attempting to make answers.

Certainly we seem to be woefully deficient in getting any advance inkling of what's afoot in the far quarters of the globe where we have vital interests. One of the questions raised when hostile mobs made Vice-President Richard M. Nixon's South American trip such a dubious venture in raising national prestige was why didn't the CIA know what was coming—why didn't they veto the Vice-President's trip? Why did they let us in for national embarrassment?

Now comes this blazing of revolt in the Middle East, a section of where you would suppose that Mr. Dulles' agents would be thicker than sand dunes, but again we are caught by surprise.

It is high time that these foreign agents of ours called a turn or two.